

**Pacific Beach Planning Group
Alcohol Advisory Committee**

Minutes - November 2, 2009, 6:00 pm, Pacific Beach Library

Meeting 1 - Alcohol License Policy

Commenced: 6:00 pm

In Attendance: Scott Chipman PBPG (subcommittee chair), Joe Wilding PBTC, Barbara Williams PBPG, Bill Bradshaw PBTC, Marcie Beckett PBPG, Diane Faulds PBPG, James Krokee PBPG. No representatives from Discover Pacific Beach (BID) were in attendance.

Subcommittee Introductions

Guest Introductions: There were approximately 10 guests participating

Agenda Approval: Approved without objection

Email Communication: A sign-in sheet was sent around for those who would like updates, minutes, and agendas to be sent.

Minutes: The need for minutes was indicated – Marcie Beckett volunteered to take minutes.

Opening comments: Committee members were provided an opportunity to make an initial comment. Scott Chipman summarized his thoughts regarding PB community related to alcohol license issues, status, and formation of this committee. Barbara Williams wants committee to look at community as a whole. Jim Krokee wants committee decisions to have some weight.

Non Agenda Public Comment: 1. Marcella Teran: community mom, my decision to stay in PB is hanging on by fingernails; Thurs.–Sun. nights, loud groups of drinkers walking from the business area through the neighborhood affecting my family’s quality of life late into the next morning. Now a bus service is starting to deliver more drinkers into the community. 2. John Wheeler: There should be a way to make it possible for new restaurants such as Fig Tree Café to have a beer and wine license without increasing the alcohol problems; say no to high-power drinking establishments. 3. Rick Oldham: The Beach Area Alcohol Task Force looked at a lot of issues facing the community related to alcohol. Few if any were adopted. Many restaurants in PB morph into bars at 10:30 for the rest of the night. There needs to be restrictions of expansions and transfers. 4. Leigh Gibson: Why will applicants come here to this committee? 5. Al Strohlein: ABC is completely behold to liquor lobby; there must be recognition of the environmental quality of life act and the cumulative effect of the decisions being made to increase alcohol consumption.

Handouts: Each subcommittee member was provided a binder that included:

- Agenda
- Brown Act summary
- PBPG letter to Kelly Broughton of Development Services explaining and announcing establishment this subcommittee and requesting input
- Email to Jennifer Hill with questions regarding ABC policy
- Some questions and answers regarding alcohol license policy
- Community Problems with On-Sale Retail Alcohol Outlets
- List of entertainment permits in 92109
- Letter from Hospitality Task Force in opposition to Alcohol Advisory Subcommittee being sponsored by the PBPG
- List of alcohol licenses in 92109 (173 On-Sale and 48 Off-Sale)

Brown Act: Alcohol Advisory Subcommittee to follow Brown Act in same way that PBPG does. All members to review Brown Act Summary handout.

Mission Statement: A proposed mission statement was read and reviewed and without objection it was determined to wait for a later meeting to approve the mission statement when criteria for reviewing licenses is being considered. Scott Chipman requested that proposed mission statement be included in the minutes:

The mission of the PBPG Alcohol License Advisory Committee is to advise the San Diego Police Department, the city, and the state ABC on all applications for new, transferred or modified alcohol licenses in Pacific Beach in an effort to reduce negative impacts of alcohol licenses in Pacific Beach while supporting desirable businesses that enhance the community. To fulfill its mission, this committee seeks to 1) Support new or transferred alcohol licenses with appropriate conditions for desirable businesses; and 2) Review all proposed modifications to conditions on existing alcohol licenses in Pacific Beach and make recommendations to minimize negative impacts.

ABC Policies: Jennifer Hill was not available to attend but indicated that she would answer any questions subcommittee might have. Discussion of questions Scott Chipman emailed to Ms. Hill. Types of licenses were discussed. Subcommittee needs a list of license types with descriptions. Subcommittee needs to obtain ABC notifications of pending alcohol license applications for Pacific Beach. Scott Chipman stated that the goal of the next few meetings is for subcommittee to become educated and to develop criteria for reviewing license applications.

Presentation by Kathy Lippitt from Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego:

Topics: How does PB compare to other communities in the state? What strategies have been employed by other communities to deal with the negative effects of alcohol licenses?

Handouts provided:

- How Alcohol Outlets Affect Neighborhood Violence
- Ventura Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Deemed Approved Ordinance (DAO)
- Vallejo CUP
- Performance Standards and DAO
- Pacific Beach Community Covenant

Ensuing discussion: Marcie Beckett: CUP is only way for city to have local control. San Diego has CUP for off-sale, but not for on-sale. Rick Oldham: Licenses can be transferred without review to any location in the county. Scott Chipman: ABC license is personal property, conditions travel with license. Kathy Lippitt: License ownership can be transferred to avoid adverse consequences for violations. Barbara Williams: how much does a license cost? Leigh Gibson: A new license from the ABC costs about \$15, 000 (type 47 - full spirits, eating place) but is hard to get here; you can buy an existing license from current owner for about \$50,000. Shawn Evans suggestions: subcommittee should use ABC criteria for review (don't create your own); need to gather evidence of crime related to alcohol licensees; identify community crime – types, rates; establish an 800 number for reporting crime in PB (currently huge under-reporting of crime); amend community plan to include alcohol policy

Agenda for going forward: Agenda for the next meeting was discussed and committee members were asked to send items for upcoming agendas.

Adjourned: 7:20 pm

Submitted by Marcie Beckett